

## Communication



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...Lets others know where you are

- Use headlights, brake lights, and turn signals
- Use horn
- Position your vehicle so it can be seen
- Use emergency signals
  - Flares
  - Warning triangles



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- ...Signal when slowing or stopping
- Lightly tap brake pedal to flash brake light to indicate:
  - Stopping at a place that is unexpected
  - Slowing because of no deceleration lane
  - Turning into a driveway (prior to intersection)
  - Avoid something in the road ahead



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Using Headlights

- On rainy, snowy, or foggy days, gray days
- When using windshield wipers
- Prior to darkness
- When moving and lights are necessary



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Using Headlights (cont)

- To get attention
- To communicate a hazard
- Whenever it is difficult to see



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- Use turn signals before:
- Changing lanes
- Passing
- Turning at an intersection
- Entering/leaving a freeway
- Pulling away from a curb



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Signal when changing direction

- Rules for signaling direction changes
  - signal as a habit
  - signal early
  - signal after intersection, prior to turn
  - ensure signal is off after turning





# ...Signaling when changing direction (cont)

- Use turn signals before:
  - Pulling over to the side of the road
  - Merging into traffic
  - Approaching a parallel parking place



### ...Using the Horn

- To give a warning only
- A light tap if no immediate danger when:
  - ✓ Someone is walking close to the road or on a bike
  - ✓ Approaching an inattentive driver
  - ✓ Driver having trouble seeing you





## ...Using the Horn (cont)

Use a sharp blast when real danger exists,

#### such as:

- ✓ Child running into the street
- ✓ Another vehicle is in danger of hitting you
- ✓ Lost control of vehicle



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... Keep your vehicle where it can be seen

Avoid driving in vehicle "bline spot"

Get through blind spot quick





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...Using emergency signal

- Emergency stops (cont)
  - if no warning devices, give hand warning
  - do not do maintenance in traffic
- Also use 4-way flashers when:
  - unloading
  - at accident scene
  - driving slow



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...Using emergency signal
Off the road, out of traffic
turn on 4-way

lift the hood & tie white cloth to door handle

if in traffic, stop where you can be seen give warning (flares and or warning triangles)



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- 1. You intend to turn into a driveway just after an intersection, when should you signal?
  - a. Before you enter the intersection
    - b. As you enter the intersection
      - c. At the driveway



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- 2. If you have a flat tire when driving on a highway, it is recommended that you?
- a. Stop, with the wheels on the pavement so you can easily raise the vehicle.
- b. Make sure your passengers stay in the car, out of the way.
- c. Place flares or warning triangles at least 200 and 300 feet behind the vehicle
- d. Stop as soon as possible as long as it is not in an intersection. The important thing is to save the tire.





## **ANY QUESTIONS?**





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3. Communication should be thought of as:

- a. Sending information
- b. An exchange of information
  - c. Receiving a message
  - d. Providing feedback